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### WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Jan. 5, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3---Best Buys from the fruit department this week are Watsonville Newtown Pippin apples, cranberries, Imperial Valley and Arizona grapefruit, Mexican bananas, and Hawaiian pineapples.

In the Good Buy class are avocados, Navel oranges, and papayas.

Among the vegetables, the Best Buys are sweetpotatoes, cabbage, and cauliflower.

Good Buys include broccoli, carrots, lettuce, dry onions, and parsnips.

The week's Fair Buys are artichokes, Brussels sprouts, and Italian squash.

#### MEAT --

Trading has been rather slow in the San Francisco wholesale meat market this past week. Slaughter has been lighter on beef, calf and lamb, but slightly heavier on hogs. As a result, supplies of offal items have been very limited. Prices are little changed from a week ago. Choice grade beef is \$1.00 per hundredweight higher, but all other grades and classes are unchanged. Fresh veal and calf carcasses are around \$1.00 per hundredweight higher, and fresh pork carcasses are up \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight. Smoked hams and picnics also are \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight higher.

#### BUTTER --

Discontinuance of sales of government-held butter, light volume of fresh production, and heavy consumer demand has resulted in higher butter prices. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are up 4 cents from a week ago at a quotation to retailers of 76 to 78½ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B (2nd Quality) is up 3 cents at a quotation to retailers of 72 to 73 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

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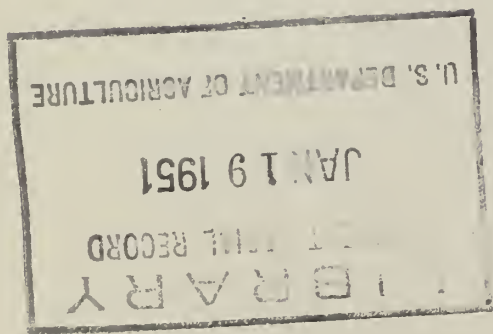
EGGS --

Prices on large and medium-sized eggs have dropped some more, with Grade "A" Large eggs down 4 cents at a quotation to retailers of 61 to 62 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade "A" Mediums 4 cents lower at a quotation of 59 to 60 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Smalls have advanced 1-cent to 59 to 60 cents per dozen in cartons. Further sharp price declines in central western and eastern markets has made for an unsettled market here. Production increases are reported slower than normal.

POULTRY --

A better demand for young chickens has upped the price of broilers and large fryers 1 to 2 cents per pound above a week ago. Squabs, rabbits, and large tom turkeys also have been in good demand, with rabbits advancing 2 to 3 cents per pound. Small tom and hen turkeys have moved slowly at unchanged prices. All other classes remain unchanged.

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#### WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Jan. 12, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9 --- Cranberries are the week's outstanding Best Buy in fruit, followed by medium-sized Watsonville Newtown applos, avocados, and Imperial Valley and Arizona grapefruit.

Medium-sized Navel oranges are a Good Buy, and persimmons can be considered a Fair Buy.

Cold weather has been taking its toll in vegetables, so that sweet potatoes and parsnips are the only Best Buys this week.

In the Good Buy class are cauliflower, cabbage, and dry onions.

#### MEAT --

Fairly active trading has prevailed in the San Francisco wholesale meat market this past week. The light beef slaughter has been cleared practically every day, and lightweight lamb has been especially well sold up. Mid-western pork cuts have been in light supply, and offal items have been very limited. As for prices, attempts early last week to obtain \$2.00 per hundredweight higher prices on Choice grade beef dwindled. Other classes have held mostly unchanged. Commercial and Utility grades of lamb have advanced \$2.00 per hundredweight, along with pork loins, butts and spareribs.

#### BUTTER --

Although demand has slackened some from the heavy holiday buying, prices have continued to advance on butter in the San Francisco wholesale market. Grades A&AA (1st Quality) are up 1-1/2 cents at a quotation to retailers of 77-1/2 to 80 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B (2nd Quality) is 6 cents higher at a quotation to retailers of 76 to 77 cents per pound in

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cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. The supply situation is rather tight, pending seasonal production increases. However, western butter production for the week ending Jan. 4 scored a 11-percent gain over the previous week, with the sharpest gains made in Washington, California, Utah and Montana.

EGGS --

Demand has continued good for moderate receipts of eggs, and prices are unchanged from a week ago. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 61 to 62 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 59 to 60 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls, 59 to 60 cents.

POULTRY --

In the wholesale poultry market, broilers and small fryers have been in better demand and are up 1 to 2 cents per pound, (dressed weight), above a week ago. Heavy hens are rather scarce and are selling around 1-cent per pound higher. Liberal supplies of large fryers and roasters are unchanged in price, as are light type hens. Young tom turkeys have been in good demand, but there has been little demand for hens.

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### WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Jan. 19, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16 --- Cranberries are the week's outstanding Best Buy in fruit this week, followed by Imperial Valley and Arizona grapefruit.

Good Buys are bananas, avocados, medium-sized Watsonville Newtown apples, and large Navel oranges.

Tangerines and Comice pears are Fair Buys.

Among the vegetables, sweet potatoes and parsnips are still the Best Buys.

Good Buys this week include lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage (higher), dry onions and broccoli.

Celery is a Fair Buy.

#### MEAT --

Prices have been on an upward trend in the San Francisco wholesale meat market during the past week. Although the beef slaughter was somewhat larger than the previous week, it was still held to a relatively low level because of higher replacement costs on live cattle. Most of the supply has been of Commercial to Good grade quality, and prices have advanced \$1.00 per hundredweight on practically all grades. With the slaughter of calf and lamb considerably lighter, more veal than calf has been offered at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hundredweight higher. Choice and Good grades of lamb advanced \$3.00 per hundredweight, while Commercial and Utility grades are up \$4.00 per hundredweight above a week ago. Although the supply of pork loins has been about double that of a week ago, prices are up \$2.00 per hundredweight on No. 1 loins. Butts, spareribs, smoked hams and picnics also are up \$2.00 per hundredweight.

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BUTTER --

Butter prices are unchanged from a week ago in the San Francisco wholesale market. Although sharp decreases in production were registered for the three Pacific Coast states for the week ended January 11, supplies are ample for the rather slow post-holiday demand. Quotations to retailers are: Grades ~~AAA~~ (1st Quality),  $77\frac{1}{2}$  to 80 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B (2nd Quality), 76 to 77 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lbs. prints.

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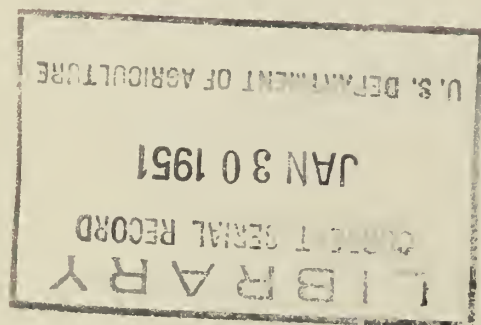
Lower prices have stimulated the demand for moderate receipts of eggs in the wholesale market. Large and medium sizes have dropped 6 cents per dozen since last week, and smalls are down 8 cents. Quotations to retailers: Grade "A" Large, 55 to 56 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 53 to 54 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls, 51 to 52 cents.

POULTRY --

In the wholesale poultry market, prices have advanced on dressed broilers, fryers, roasters and heavy-type hens in line with higher prices on live poultry. Broilers, fryers and heavy hens are all up 2 cents per pound above a week ago, and roasters are up 1-cent. Tom turkeys also have gained 1-cent. All other classes are unchanged. Higher meat prices have resulted in an improved demand for the moderate receipts of poultry.

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# WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Jan. 26, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 23 --- Best Buys from the fruit department this week are avocados, cranberries, and Imperial Valley grapefruit.

Good Buys are Watsonville Newtown Pippin apples, and medium-sized Navel oranges.

Winter Nelis and D'Anjou pears may be considered a Fair Buy.

Cauliflower has joined the ranks of parsnips and sweet potatoes to be a Best Buy.

Among the Good Buys this week are dry onions, lettuce, celery, and cabbage.

Fair Buys are broccoli and Brussels sprouts.

## MEAT --

Wet weather this past week stimulated the demand for all rough cuts and offal items in the San Francisco wholesale meat market. Veal, calf and lamb supplies cleared daily. In the beef division, very little Choice grade was offered, and the bulk of the supply consisted of Commercial and Good grades. Prices were little changed, although Commercial and Utility grade of beef gained \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight. Fresh veal and calf also gained \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight, with Good grade limited in supply. Lamb and mutton sold mostly \$2.00 per hundredweight higher, while pork loins dropped \$2.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight. All other classes held unchanged from the previous week.

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BUTTER --

Butter prices are unchanged from a week ago in the San Francisco wholesale market, where demand is rather limited. Top grades have been in ample supply, while lower grades have been somewhat scarce. Quotations to retailers are: Grades A&AA (1st Quality),  $77\frac{1}{2}$  to 80 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B (2nd Quality), 76 to 77 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

EGGS --

Lower prices and good quality have stimulated the demand for eggs in the wholesale market, but supplies have been ample and prices are little changed. Grade "A" Mediums are up 1-cent at a quotation to retailers of 54 to 55 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Large are unchanged at 55 to 56 cents per dozen in cartons, as are Grade "A" Smalls at 51 to 52 cents.

POULTRY --

Poultry prices have continued on an upward trend under an improved demand. Broilers in light supply have advanced 5 cents per pound since last week. All weights of fryers are up 3 cents above a week ago, and roasters are 2 cents per pound higher. Heavy type hens are in light supply and are selling 1-cent per pound higher. Young tom turkeys are up about 1-cent per pound at 44 to 45 cents. All other classes remain unchanged.

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